

A HISTORY

OF THE

FOREBEARERS AND CHILDREN

OF

CLARK WESLEY KOHLMEPP

AND

IDA FLORENCE COOK



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A HISTORY OF THE JOHN B. KOHLHEPP FAMILY

It was on January 26, 1872 that John B. Kohlhepp and his lovely wife Margaret, on a small farm in Marchand, Pennsylvania, celebrated the birth of their eighth child--Clark Wesley. John had bought the farm from Peter Pfeffer (no relation to his father-in-law) seven years earlier, on October 5, 1865 for \$1500. The farm had a log house and a barn on it, but John and his wife and children cleared much of the land and erected a frame house and barn, both of which are still being used by the Clark Kohlhepp family today.

Before buying the farm, John had worked at Caldwell Furnace, sometimes called Mahoning Furnace, in Armstrong County. He was a teamster, driving six mules hitched single file. He rode the lead mule, "Chunk" and drove with a jerk line, hauling iron ore and pig iron. He soon worked his way to become boss on the job. Leaving and travelling west, he returned to buy the small farm where he and Margaret settled with their six children: Catherine, William, John Andrew, Emma, Mary and George. Samuel was born three years later, on May 23, 1868 and one other child was born after Clark, Lula Sarah on October 7, 1874.

John Kohlhepp was born in Swatchenholtz, Germany, and was about thirty-three when he traveled from the port of Bremen, Germany to New York, landing in June 1847. As it was his intention to reside in this new land, he made application for citizenship in the United States of America on the thirty-first of August, 1853. He swore his allegiance before Judge J. E. Meridith, Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. After the five year probationary period, John Kohlhepp was granted citizenship on March 4, 1856. A brother, Hartman, and a sister, Margaret with her son, John were supposed to have accompanied John to America; but no contact has been made with them.

John's wife, Margaret Pfeffer, also came from Germany. Margaret was the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Homan Pfeffer. Elizabeth had died before the family left Germany, and Peter had married her sister, Anna Homan. The family had lived in Huntelhof, and came to America in 1847 from Hesse/Canal. Their farm in Germany had consisted of several plots of ground in different places, some of them being some distance apart. Margaret used to take her knitting with her when she drove cattle to one of these plots to pasture, and would knit while watching the animals. The eldest son in the family, John, being born in 1828, came to America first, in 1841. Six years later, Peter and his family sailed to America and settled on Holland Land, being patented to the Holland Company in 1802. The farm was located in North Mahoning Township, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, perhaps a mile from the village of Marchand. Until 1960 the farm had remained in the Pfeffer family, belonging most recently to Mrs. Samuel

Peffer.

Margaret was fourteen years old when the family came to America, and it was a rough voyage in the small, two mast ship. The journey took ~~two~~ weeks, and a young brother,² John, died at sea. Margaret's father, Peter, died in 1878 at the age of 77. Both he and Anna, his second wife, are buried at Zion³ Lutheran Church, near Covode.

John B. Kohlhepp and Margaret Peffer Kohlhepp were married after prayer meeting in the home of John Peffer, July 12, 1851. On their farm they raised and sold horses, cows, pigs, sheep and chickens. Margaret spun and knit the wool from the sheep; rendered lard and tallow from the slaughtered animals making candles and soap, which the family used. Many haps and quilts were needed to keep the family comfortable. Fruit was dried, meat was salt cured and smoked, wood was cut to keep the fires going, and happy times were shared with neighbors at the Kohlhepp home. John B. and Margaret were pioneers, and that's a fact.

German was spoken in the Kohlhepp home until Samuel had difficulty learning to talk. John B. was road supervisor in East Mahoning Township and treasurer of the church, and kept all his records in German. Marchand was a German-speaking community, and church services were in German. Margaret Peffer was a member of the St. Paul's German Reformed Church, known as "Roundtop Lutheran", and now the Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Trade City. Little Zion in Covode was one of the first churches in the community, and it was here the Kohlhepp family came to worship, although it was about six miles from the farm. Later they helped build the Evangelical Association Church in Marchand, now the Marchand United Methodist Church. It is still the Kohlhepp's church home.

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A GENEALOGY OF THE JOHN B. KOHLHEPP FAMILY

(Asterisks indicate children of John B.)

JOHN B. KOHLHEPP, Nov. 19, 1817--June 17, 1898

m July 12, 1851, Margaret Peffer, June 26, 1833--Aug. 9, 1914

c Catherine (Mar. 5, 1853--July 15, 1932), William (Sept. 15, 1854--Apr. 30, 1883), John Andrew (May 31, 1857--Oct. 28, 1931), Emma E. (June 27, 1860--June 1, 1944), Mary M. (Jan. 4, 1863--Jan. 27, 1891), George Hartman (Sept. 17, 1864--Apr. 10, 1910), Samuel Peter (May 23, 1868--Dec. 11, 1951), Clark Wesley (Jan. 26, 1872--Oct. 20, 1970), Lula Sarah (Oct. 7, 1874--Aug. 5, 1945).

* CATHERINE KOHLHEPP PIFER, Mar. 5, 1853 (Marchand, Pa.)--

1. fourteen

2. Peter

3. Evangelical

July 15, 1932(DuBois, Pa.) Int. Mahoning Union Cemetery,
Marchand, Pa.

m 1879, Samuel A. Pifer, 1857--Sept. 30, 1910(DuBois, Pa.)
Int. Mahoning Union Cemetery, Marchand, Pa.

c Lawrence(Oct. 18, 1880--Mar. 28, 1889), Nora A.(Sept. 22,
1888--Dec. 24, 1953), Urban R.(Apr. 18, 1883--June 17,
1925).

NORA A. PIFER BETTS, Sept. 22, 1888(Johnstown, Pa.) --Dec. 24,
1953(DuBois, Pa.) Int. Morningside Cemetery, DuBois, Pa.

m Edward McCloskey

c Josephine Catherine (May 5, 1904-

m Oct. 10, 1912, William Haley Betts, June 29, 1889

c LaVerne (Aug. 18, 1913-

JOSEPHINE CATHERINE(PIFER) RHODES, May 5, 1904
(DuBois, Pa.)

m Nov. 10, 1927, John Leo Rhodes, Nov. 10, 1886--

c Beverly Jean (Aug. 17, 1928)

BEVERLY JEAN RHODES HOOKER, Aug. 17, 1928 (Youngstown,
Ohio)

m May 28, 1949, Jeff Garland Hooker, June 21, 1921--

c Kathy Lynn (July 25, 1954), Peggy Jean(Nov. 14, 1956)

LAVERNE BETTS BRAUND, Aug. 18, 1913--

m May 31, 1937, Robert O. Braund, Aug. 31, 1913

c Carol Jo (July 9, 1948)

URBAN R. PIFER, Apr. 18, 1883(Marchand, Pa.)--June 17, 1925
(Youngstown, Ohio) Int. Oak Hill Cemetery, Youngstown,
Ohio

m 1904, Letha M. Andrews, Dec. 14, 1883

c Margaret Alene (Feb. 20, 1905), Jean Adele (June 2, 1908)

m Mar. 39, 1917, Etta Richards, July 24, 1885--

c Urban R., Jr. (May 15, 1919)

MARGARET ALENE PIFER McCALLION, Feb. 20, 1905(DuBois,
Pa.)--

m May 6, 1930, Walter J. McCallion

c Walter Joseph (July 22, 1936), Jean Lucille (Jan. 18, 1939)

JEAN ADELE PIFER RICE, June 2, 1908 (DuBois, Pa.)

m Dec. 10, 1932, Robert C. Rice, Dec. 30,

URBAN R. PIFER, JR., May 15, 1919 (Youngstown, Ohio)--

m Agnes Irene Bodnar

c Clyde Urban (Mar. 4, 1941)

* WILLIAM KOHLHEPP, Sept. 15, 1854--Apr. 30, 1883 Int. Mahon-
ing Cemetery, Marchand, Pa.

m

* JOHN ANDREW KOHLHEPP, May 31, 1857 (Caldwells Furnace,
Pa.)--Oct.28, 1931 (DuBois, Pa.) Int. Morningside Cemetery,
DuBois, Pa.

- m 1882, Mary Agnes Overdorff, July 13, 1860--Mar. 2, 1937
- c Edna R. (Apr. 27, 1892), Russell Eugene (June 13, 1895), Ernest E. (Sept. 30, 1883), Virgil Norman (June 20, 1897--1957), Anson O. (Nov. 9, 1899), Bertha Lea Kohlhepp (Mar. 20, 1885--Nov. 27, 1890)

EDNA R. KOHLHEPP OGDEN, Apr. 27, 1892 (DuBois, Pa.)

- m M. R. Ogden

ERNEST E. KOHLHEPP, Sept. 30, 1883 (DuBois, Pa.)--

- m Oct. 18, 1905, Dolly Eliza Kohlhepp, Feb. 7, 1883--Jan. 29, 1940
- c John Vernon (Oct. 12, 1907), Elizabeth Mildred (Mar. 27, 1910)
- m Nov. 1943, Nellie Knarr, July 23, 1885

JOHN VERNON KOHLHEPP, Oct. 12, 1907 (DuBois, Pa.)--Feb. 19, 1968 Int. Morningside Cemetery, DuBois, Pa.

- m Nov. 15, 1936, Emma M. Powell, May 31, 1914
- c Patricia Ann (July 12, 1938), Virginia Lee (Jan. 22, 1943)

PATRICIA ANN KOHLHEPP LUCCO, July 12, 1938 (DuBois, Pa.)--

- m Oct. 3, 1959, Joseph Lucco, Aug. 15, 1938

ELIZABETH MILDRED KOHLHEPP SHOWERS, Mar. 27, 1910

- m Oct. 18, 1936, Renald E. Showers, Mar. 8, 1904

RUSSELL E. KOHLHEPP, June 13, 1895 (DuBois, Pa.)--1973

- m Ruth Bloomgren, Sept. 23, 1900--Apr. 27, 1959
- c Douglas B. (Dec. 16, 1924)
- m Florence Gray, Apr. 2, 1908

DOUGLAS BRUCE KOHLHEPP, Dec. 16, 1924 (DuBois, Pa.)--

- m R. Jacqueline Callahan, Dec. 29, 1925
- c Daniel (July 16, 1947), Benjamin (Sept. 23, 1949), Andrew (Dec. 27, 1950)

VIRGIL NORMAN KOHLHEPP, June 20, 1897 (DuBois, Pa.)--1957 Int. DuBois, Pa.

- m June 23, 1923, Annabelle E. Bateman, Aug. 29, 1899
- c Shirley Lucille (Feb. 4, 1925), Lois Adele (June 16, 1929), Virgil Norman (Feb. 23, 1935)

ANSON O. KOHLHEPP, Nov. 9, 1899 (DuBois, Pa.)--

- * EMMA ELIZABETH KOHLHEPP GALL, June 27, 1860--June 1, 1944 Int. Mahoning Union Cemetery, Marchand, Pa.
- m William H. Gall, deceased July 5, 1937
- c Floy (Sept. 29, 1882), Burton Blair (Apr. 15, 1886), Ralph Waldo (June 4, 1895)

FLOY GALL WOLFE, Sept. 29, 1882--Sept. 1, 1905

- m Oct. 8, 1903, Charles E. Wolfe, June 30, 1880--Nov. 8, 1951
- c Ruth M. (Feb. 16, 1904), Martha (Apr. 3, 1905)

RUTH M. WOLFE KROUSE, Feb. 16, 1904--

- m July 21, 1926, Oscar Krouse, Mar. 22, 1900
- c Glenn A. (Sept. 29, 1927), Charles O. (Mar. 31, 1931), George (Nov. 8, 1932)

GLEN A. KROUSE, Sept. 28, 1927

- m Aug. 30, 1952, Nancy London, May 26, 1929
- c Barbara Ann (Apr. 8, 1954), Thomas Robert (Jan. 3, 1957)

CHARLES O. KROUSE, Mar. 31, 1931

- m June 13, 1959, Phebe Smith, June 7, 1931
- c Pierre Smith (May 1, 1955)

GEORGE F. KROUSE, Nov. 8, 1932

- m June 29, 1957, Anna Marie Moe, May 2, 1936
- c Daniel Frederick (Feb. 13, 1958), Susan Marie (Feb. 21, 1959)

MARTHA WOLFE SMITH, Apr. 3, 1905

- m Aug. 12, 1926, Budd R. Smith, May 24, 1901
- c Shirley V. (Sept. 7, 1927), Marjorie E. (Jan. 8, 1930), Janet Y. (June 5, 1934)

SHIRLEY V. SMITH SEUSE, Sept. 7, 1927

- m June 22, 1951, Donald Paul Seuse, May 3, 1927
- c Timothy Paul (Apr. 5, 1933), Bonnie Verdell (Sept. 4, 1955)

JANET Y. SMITH TONKAY, June 5, 1934

- m Apr. 6, 1956, Joseph A. Tonkay, Mar. 7, 1934
- c Douglas Wayne (Apr. 1, 1956), Gregory Lynn (Mar. 26, 1959), Michael Alan (Feb. 23, 1961)

BURTON BLAIR GALL, Apr. 15, 1886--Aug. 27, 1965 Int.Roundtop Cemetery, Trade City, Pa.

- m Sept. 4, 1912, Maude Heitzenrater, Dec. 3, 1893-- Dec. 6, 1970 Int. Roundtop Cemetery
- c Laura Ruth (Apr. 4, 1923)

LAURA RUTH GALL WHITE, Apr. 4, 1923

- m May 31, 1941, Murrel White, Jan. 9, 1922

* RALPH WALDO GALL, June 4, 1895--Dec. 3, 1964 Int. Circle Hill, Punxsutawney, Pa.

- m Apr. 12, 1916, Clara Armstrong, Nov. 3, 1894
- c Ernest W. (Dec. 28, 1916), Wilma (Mar. 29, 1918), Eleanor (June 20, 1920), Jeanette (Mar. 20, 1923), Vivian (May 30, 1931), Evelyn Gall (May 11, 1933)

ERNEST W. GALL, Dec. 28, 1916

- m July 25, 1943, Ruth Lyke, Nov. 12, 1919
- c Jo Ann (July 24, 1949), Marilyn (Apr. 8, 1951)

WILMA GALL HAINES, Mar. 29, 1918

- m Apr. 12, 1941, Ardell Haines, June 15, 1919
- c Beverly Jean (Apr. 13, 1943--Apr. 13, 1943), Gordon Allen (Apr. 27, 1945)

ELEANOR GALL GRAFF, June 20, 1920

- m Oct. 18, 1942, Stanley Graff, Dec. 4, 1919
- c Billy (Mar. 30, 1946), Linda (Sept. 27, 1949), Rodney (Oct. 24, 1954)

JEANETTE GALL JENKINS, May 20, 1923

- m Oct. 9, 1948, James Jenkins, Jr., Oct. 28, 1921
- c Jeannene (Aug. 3, 1952), Jimmy (Feb. 10, 1955)

VIVIAN GALL LEIDY, May 30, 1931

- m May 29, 1954, Gerald Leidy, July 11, 1930
- c Lynnette (Sept. 23, 1960)

- * MARY M. KOHLHEPP, Jan. 4, 1863--Jan. 27, 1891, Int. Mahoning Union Cemetery, Marchand, Pa.

- * SAMUEL PETER KOHLHEPP, May 23, 1868 (Marchand, Pa.)--Dec. 11, 1951 (DuBois, Pa.) Int. Salem Cemetery

- m Sept. 30, 1890, Sarah Catherine Wulfert, May 13, 1871--May 12, 1923
- c Orpha Lee (Jan. 3, 1891--July 12, 1928), Clair George (Sept. 9, 1893), Paul Edward (Oct. 24, 1905)
- m Mina J. Means, Feb. 4, 1879--Oct. 18, 1954

CLAIR GEORGE KOHLHEPP, Sept. 9, 1893 (DuBois)--Jan. 18, 1972 Int. Morningside Cemetery

- m May 9, 1917, Anna Elizabeth McCracken, Aug. 18, 1895
- c Mildred Carletta (Feb. 14, 1918)

MILDRED CARLETTA KOHLHEPP LOGAN, Feb. 14, 1918 (DuBois)

- m Oct. 20, 1947, Robert Lester Logan, June 6, 1913
- c Carletta Lucille (Jan. 10, 1948)

PAUL EDWARD KOHLHEPP, Oct. 24, 1905 (DuBois, Pa.)--

- m June 6, 1940, Mildred E. McCulloh, Jan. 19, 1909

- * CLARK WESLEY KOHLHEPP, Jan. 26, 1872 (Rochester Mills, Pa.)--Oct. 20, 1970 Int. Mahoning Union Cemetery

- m Dec. 7, 1899, Ida Florence Cook, Apr. 1, 1871--May 11, 1964
- c Merle Woodward (Oct. 13, 1901), Lillian Esther (Aug. 19, 1903), Bruce Cook (Oct. 16, 1905--Nov. 29, 1967), May Ellen (May 1, 1908), Dale Wesley (June 8, 1919)

MERLE WOODWARD KOHLHEPP, Oct. 13, 1901

- m Oct. 3, 1934, Anna Lavina Neal
- c Muriel Beth (Mar. 9, 1935)

MURIEL BETH KOHLHEPP WALTER, Mar. 9, 1935

- m June 13, 1959, Robert Walter
- c Susan Elaine (May 31, 1963), Frank Robert (June 28, 1966)

BRUCE COOK KOHLHEPP, Oct. 16, 1905--Nov. 29, 1967 Int. Bethel Lutheran Cemetery, Vandergrift, Pa.

- m May 15, 1937, Martha Eunice Myers, deceased Aug 27, 1951

- c Sue Joanne (July 15, 1939), Glenn Bruce (Oct. 10, 1941),
Fred Wesley (Oct. 16, 1948)
- m Nov. 27, 1953, Alice Marie Boarts

GLENN BRUCE KOHLHEPP, Oct. 10, 1941 (Homestead, Pa.)

- m June 12, 1965, Janet Marie Clark, Nov. 19, 1942--
- c Gregg Alan (July 17, 1969), Mark Edward (June 15, 1972)

DALE WESLEY KOHLHEPP, June 8, 1919--

- m Nov. 8, 1947, Thelma Blanche Edwards, July 12, 1924--
- c Keith Dale (Aug. 20, 1950), Karen Anne (July 1, 1952),
Kim James (Oct. 22, 1956)

* SARA LUILLA KOHLHEPP DORN, Oct. 7, 1874--Aug. 5, 1945
Int. Mahoning Cemetery, Marchand, Pa.

- m Edward Samuel Dorn, Feb. 4, 1869--May 17, 1955
- c Olive Margaret (Nov. 20, 1900), Rhoda Orpha (Dec. 26,
1902), Mona May (Feb. 2, 1902), Gladys Cordella (Feb. 27,
1904), Floyd KOHLHEPP (Sept. 13, 1905), Max Leroy (Nov.
18, 1906), Alta Katherine (Sept. 7, 1909), Kenneth Ward
(May 22, 1912), Galen Victor (Feb. 18, 1917)

OLIVE M. DORN SALSGIVER, Nov. 20, 1900

- m Dewey Salsgiver (James Thomas), June 21, 1898
- c Sara Belle (June 24, 1924), Samuel James (Nov. 26, 1925--
Mar. 13, 1933), Jack (Nov. 25, 1927), Raymond James (Nov.
2, 1932), Robert Richard (Sept. 17, 1930), Edward Lee (Jan.
6, 1935), Thomas Dewey (Apr. 7, 1940)

SARA BELLE SALSGIVER PAGE, June 24, 1924

- m Phillip Lunsford Page II, Dec. 14, 1923
- * c Kathy (Nov. 19, 1947), Phillip Lunsford III (Oct. 26, 1955),
Doris Dorn (Nov. 17, 1959)

JACK SALSGIVER, Nov. 25, 1927

- m Mary Brady Campbell, Mar. 18, 1922
- c Kathleen Anne (Mar. 25, 1943), Karen Eilene (Aug 4, 1950)

* RAYMOND JAMES SALSGIVER, Nov. 2, 1932

- m Eleanor Mary Ann Kerosky, Feb. 1, 1934
- c Jane Marie (Jan. 11, 1954), Daniel James (May 9, 1959)

ROBERT RICHARD SALSGIVER, Sept. 17, 1930--Mar. 6, 1970

- m Mary Beach, June 15, 1909

EDWARD LEE SALSGIVER, Jan 6, 1935

- m Shirley Conner, Sept. 10, 1938
- c Edward Lee Salsgiver II, (Apr. 5, 1958)

THOMAS DEWEY SALSGIVER, Apr. 7, 1940

- m Simone Yvonne, Nov. 17, 1943

RHODA DORN GORMAN, Dec. 26, 1902

- m Merritt Gorman, Apr. 10, 1898--Jan. 15, 1943
- c Henry Dorn, Sr. (Aug. 7, 1927), James David (Apr. 9, 1933)

HENRY DORN GORMAN, SR., Aug. 7, 1927

m Delores Mae Meinzer, May 7, 1931
 c Henry Dorn Gorman, Jr., (Aug. 6, 1955), Keith Edward
 (Mar. 2, 1960)

JAMES DAVID GORMAN, Apr. 9, 1933
 m Constance Cozzo, Sept. 14, 1931
 c Karen Marie (Sept. 6, 1954), James

GLADYS DORN HAUXHURST, Feb. 27, 1904
 m Jackson Neal Hauxhurst, May 7, 1897--July 26, 1958
 c Wayne Hauxhurst (May 24, 1924)

WAYNE HAUXHURST, May 24, 1924
 m Rose Jane McCardle, Mar. 6, 1924

FLOYD KOHLHEPP DORN, Sept. 13, 1905--Apr. 17, 1946
 m Martha Yuckenberg, Mar. 25, 1904--Dec. 29, 1933
 c Laura Louise (Apr. 13, 1925), Kathryn Marie (Mar. 8, 1927),
 Floyd Leroy (Sept. 1, 1929)

LAURA LOUISE DORN ROWLES, Apr. 13, 1925
 m Paul Eugene Rowles, Sr., Apr. 11, 1924
 c Paul Eugene, Jr. (Apr. 28, 1948), David Alan (Feb. 28, 1960)

KATHRYN MARIE DORN WILLIAMS, Mar. 8, 1927
 m Eugene Thorburn Williams, Oct. 8, 1925
 c David Eugene (Aug. 29, 1948), Kathryn Marie (May 27,
 1950), John Patton (June 21, 1959)

FLOYD LEROY DORN, Sept. 1, 1929
 m Eleanor Mildred Langlois, Aug 25, 1930
 c Franz Erie (May 23, 1955) , Leif Pieter (Jan. 17, 1957),
 Liane Aimee (May 4, 1959)

MAX LEROY DORN. Nov. 18, 1906--Jan. 18, 1947
 m Jane Richardson King, Feb. 7, 1914
 c Jack King (Dec. 10, 1932), Susan Maxine (July 31, 1936)

JACK KING DORN, Dec. 10, 1932
 m Marilyn Viard
 c Ranae Maxine (Jan. 14, 1960)

SUSAN MAXINE DORN THOMAS, July 31, 1936
 m Paul Morton Thomas, Apr. 27, 1933
 c Rodney Alan (Sept. 30, 1953), Richard Paul (July 23,
 1956), Michael Alan (Sept. 30, 1957)

KENNETH WARD DORN, May 22, 1912
 m Maxine Violet Goldthwaite, July 27, 1912
 c Diane Althea (Jan. 11, 1951)

GALEN VICTOR DORN, Feb. 18, 1917
 m Helen Lockmonic, Feb. 5, 1920
 c Joan Louise (Jan. 27, 1941)

ELIZABETH PEFFER KOHLHEPP
 m John Kohlhepp

- /, SHIRLEY LUCILLE KOHLHEPP COLEMAN, Feb. 4, 1925
 m Dec. 19, 1945, Harry Vernon Coleman, June 17, 1923--
 c Janice Adele (Dec. 21, 1946), Gary Allen (Apr. 18, 1950)
- /, LOIS ADELE KOHLHEPP MYERS, June 16, 1929
 m June 19, 1955, Robert L. Myers, Aug. 24, 1928
 c Julie Adele (Jan. 1, 1958), Jill LuAnn (Feb. 26, 1960)
- /, VIRGIL NORMAN KOHLHEPP, JR., Feb. 23, 1935
 m Mar. 19, 1955, Shirley L. Hetrick, Nov. 21, 1935
 c Laura Louise (Oct. 29, 1956), Virgil Norman III (Sept. 16, 1960)

A HISTORY OF JACOB (KOCH) COOK AND HIS DESCENDANTS

JACOB (KOCH) COOK

Jacob Cook came to America about 1828 at the age of nineteen (19), to keep from serving in the German army. He was born in Darmstadt, Hessa, Germany. With him came at least one brother. It is supposed they landed at Baltimore, Maryland. The brother moved west and is lost to us.

Jacob learned the tailorin^g trade in Germany. Legend tells us he brought nineteen shirts with him from Germany. When he wanted to make a new pair of trousers, using a newspaper he would cut out a pattern. The trousers were always broad falls. The pressing iron, dubbed the Goose by the Cook family, was heavy, long, and narrow.

The voyage from Germany was rough. It took six weeks on the sailing ship to make the voyage. One night, during a storm, their boat was blown back so far it took them three days to recapture their position. After his marriage to Catherine (krife) Grife he worked as a laborer on the Baltimore and Ohio Canal. His wife cooked for some of the men on the project.

Later, we find he settled on a farm in Perry Township, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. This farm consisted of three parcels of land.

The first parcel, being the eastern part of lot number 2 of tract number 329 of land known as the Holland Survey. It is the same land conveyed to Jacob Koch(Cook) by Alexander Calwell, et. al., by deed recorded in the Office of the Recorder, Jefferson County. It was bounded by Daniel McGaughey, Latshaw, Charles Smith and John Grife. It contained seventy-four(74) acres and eighteen(18) perches.

The second piece, being the middle division of lot number 2, tract number 329 of Holland Land Survey, being the same premises conveyed to Jacob Koch(Cook) by deed bearing the date the fifteenth day of March, 1849. Bounded by John Grife, Kelly, Smith and Blose, and containing forty-nine(49) acres and eighty-three(83) perches.

1. Children of Virgil Norman Kohlhepp, Sr.
 2. Annabelle E. Bateman Kohlhepp

The third parcel was bounded by Jonithan Smith, Charles Smith Jacob Cook and John Grife, containing twenty-six(26) acres. We were told that Jacob Cook paid \$5.00 cash for this piece of land, the remainder had been paid by labor.

From timber cut off his farm Jacob Cook built a house and a barn. The lumber was sawed at the Grife mill on the adjoining farm.

The foregoing described tracts of land being the same premises which Jacob Cook, by his last will and testament, bearing the date of the sixth day of March, 1880, gave and devised to his son, Daniel Cook.

Jacob Cook and his wife Sophia spent the remaining days of their life on this farm. Jacob Cook's final resting place is St. Jacob Cemetery, Jefferson County, Penssylvania.

Catherine Grife Cook
wife of Jacob Cook

We have learned very little of Catherine Grife Cook. She was the mother of Christena, who later married John Humble; Elizabeth, who died at the age of fourteen; Lucy Ann, who prececeder her mother in death, living eleven months; Daniel M., who later married Mary Jane Postlewait; Jacob, Jr., who lived to be twenty-three years old; and John, who died at the age of three.

Catherine had red hair. At one time it had been cut and her daughter Christena had it. Later it was given to her son, Daniel. Daniel said, "the only thing I can remember of my mother was that she made me a new pair of trousers, after finishing them she put them on me, then held me on her lap." Her folks must have lived on an adjoining farm from the Cooks. There are pictures of some of the Grifes in the Cook Family Album. (Barbara, Lucy, John, and Mr. & Mrs. Henry Grife.) In the pictures Daniel looks very much like Henry Grife.

Sherman and Laura Cook visited some of these relatives when they were in the west.

Catherine died at the age of thirty-five, and is buried in St. John Cemetery, in Jefferson County. The grave was not marked, so we don't know where it is located. Some of the children were buried there also, others on a Blose Farm.

Sophia Winning Cook
wife of Jacob Cook

Sophia was the second wife of Jacob Cook. She was born April 12, 1804 in Huntelhof (Chicken Yard), Hessa, Germany.

Before coming to America, Sophia was employed in the household of the Govenor of Hessa. When she decided to come to America, the Governor's daughter presented her with an ivory tipped, prune wood Flax Wheel, also a flax tablecloth.

Ida Cook Kohlhepp remembered her grandparents very well. She tells that Grandmother Sophie cut a wart off her foot, it bled

so profusely it frightened her, so she called her daughter-in-law, Mary Cook, who assisted her in stopping the bleeding. Later a cancerous growth developed where the wart had been on her foot. After the growth on Sophia's foot became very painful, in her memory she went back to the time when she was cooking in the Governor's house. She would tear her apron in pieces for dish rags. Finally it got so rough, Grandfather Jacob asked Mary to do their cooking, and help care for Grandmother. At this time the house was divided, and Grandmother's kitchen was what later the Daniel Cook family used for a living room, at that time it was known as the parlor. When Grandmother was well, she was an excellent cook. Ida remembers especially the potato cakes, made from raw potatoes. After they had been fried, she layed pine splints on the platter to stack her cakes to keep the under ones from becoming soggy. Some times she called the children into her kitchen and gave them pieces of bread, spread with butter and honey or molasses. The story is told that when one of the step children was very ill, he wanted to see a corn patch he called his, and his step-mother carried him to see it.

Daniel was only seven years old when his mother died, but he said his step-mother was very kind to them. She is buried beside her husband at St. Jacob.

A GENEALOGY OF THE JACOB(KOCH) COOK FAMILY

Brother (name unknown)

----JACOB COOK

Born: November 23, 1809, Darmstadt

Hessa, Germany

Died: April 12, 1882, at 72 years, 3 months, 19 days.

Buried: St. Jacob

----CATHERINE KRIFE (GRIFE)

Born: 1815

Died: July 19, 1850, at 35 years.

Buried: St. John

CHILDREN:

----CHRISTENA

Born: May 7, 1838, married John Humble (1835-1904)

Died: 1924, at 86 years.

Buried: St. Jacob

----ELIZABETH

Born: January 8, 1840

Died: April 1854, at 14 years.

----LUCY ANN

Born: January 14, 1842

Died: December 25, 1842 at 11 months

----DANIEL M., married Mary Jane Postlewaite

Born: December 29, 1843

Died: October 17, 1913, at 69 years.

-----JACOB, Jr.

Born: January 8, 1847

Died: October 14, 1870, at 23 years, 9 months, 6 days.

Buried: St. Jacob (Instigated the building of St. Jacob Church, and starting the cemetery at St. Jacob, also named for him.)

-----JOHN

Born: July 19, 1849

Died: September 1852, at 3 years. (Some of the children were buried at St. John, others on a Blose farm.)

-----SOPHIA WINNING (second wife of Jacob)

Born: April 12, 1804, in Hinglehof, Hessa, Germany

Died: February 2, 1881, at 77 years, 9 months, 20 days.

Buried: St. Jacob

-----CHRISTENA COOK married John Humble

Born: May 7, 1838

Died: 1924

Buried: With husband and daughter at St. Jacob.
Daughter's name was Jane.

CHILDREN of Christena Cook & John Humble

-----ELIZABETH (Sissy)

Married: Dan Doverspike

-----JACOB

Married: Elizabeth Rinn

Buried: Ebenezer

-----WESLEY

Married: Martha Hamilton

-----GEORGE

Married: Grace Blose

-----DAVID

Married: Esther Himes

-----JAMES

-----ALBERT

Married: Blanche Mitchell

-----IRVIN

-----SOPHIA JANE

Born:

Died: September 28, 1880 at 9 years, 5 months, 27 days.

Buried: St. Jacob

A HISTORY OF THE POSTLEWAITE FAMILY

POSTLEWAITE

John Postlewaite and his three brothers were immigrants,

some say from England, others think Scotland. The three brothers perished in the Revolutionary War. John was an early settler in the vicinity of Harrisburg. Another writer gives the place as being a location on Conestoga Creek, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The dates given for the arrival of the brothers in America was between the years of 1709 and 1713. John also served in the Revolutionary War.

His son, also named John, moved in 1818 from West Morland County and located with his family one and one-half miles northwest of Perrysville.

In 1822 his son, David Postlewaite, purchased the Stewart and McBride right of settlement in what is known as Round Bottom, near Whitesville, now known as Valier. Here, with his brother John, who preceded him, settled on Pine Run. Others, including the John McHenry family, also settled in Round Bottom.

Joseph Warren Postlewaite, son of David and Jane M. Bell Postlewaite, was born in Ringold, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, in 1832. The Joseph Warren Postlewaite land was patented to James Hutchison in 1814, and was purchased in 1854, and resided on it since 1870.

On the adjoining farm of James W. Crossman was an Indian burial ground. When this valley was first settled, the Indians occasionally returned for hunting and fishing excursions.

A GENEALOGY OF THE POSTLEWAITE FAMILY

POSTLEWAITE FAMILY

-----JOHN POSTLEWAITE

Born: in either England or Scotland. He, and three brothers came to America between 1709 and 1713. They served in the Revolutionary War, the three brothers losing their lives in the service.

-----JOHN POSTLEWAITE, son of John above.

Born: 1768

Died: 1852, at 84 years.

Married: Sarah E. Ross of Mifflin Township, Westmoreland County.

Born: 1766 (moved to the John Iler farm in Perry Township, Jefferson County in 1818)

Died: 1844

CHILDREN

-----DAVID (cared for Mary Jane)

Born: 1794

Died: 1875, at 81 years.

Married: Jane M. Bell, daughter of Elizabeth and John Bell, Westmoreland County, who died in 1855 at the age of 58 years.

----JOHN

Born:

Died:

Married: Hannah Timblin

----NANCY

Married: William McKee

----WILLIAM (Great-grandfather)

Born: May 22, 1804

Died: July 16, 1875

Buried: at Valier

Married: Jane McHenry (Great-grandmother)

Born: March 15, 1807

Died:

Buried: at Valier

----MARY

Married: William Johnson (called Uncle Billy)

----JAMES

Married: Elizabeth Piper

WILLIAM POSTLEWAITE FAMILY

son of John and Sarah E. Ross Postlewaite

----WILLIAM POSTLEWAITE

Born: May 22, 1804

Died: July 16, 1875

Married: Jane McHenry

Buried: at Valier

----JANE McHENRY, daughter of James and Elizabeth Stuchell

Mc Henry, wife of William Postlewaite.

Born: March 15, 1807

Buried: at Valier

CHILDREN

----JOHN

Born: December 17, 1831

Buried: at Valier

Married: Elizabeth Wise and Margaret Elder.

----JAMES

Born: December 10, 1832

Married: Sarah Wachob (Robert, Alec, and Elizabeth)

----WILLIAM

Born: June 14, 1834

Married: Elizabeth Gahagen (Laura, Jane, Tillie and Tirza)

----ISSAC

Born: November 2, 1835

Married: Ellen Weaver (David, Charles Coon, Irvin Miller, Zilla Vasbinder, and Jean & Sarah Procter)

----ELIZABETH

Born: February 27, 1838

Died: August 1881

Married: David Weaver (Margaret Sprankle, Ellen Walker, William, Mary Alabran, Bell Alabran, James, and Frank.)

----SARAH

Born: September 6, 1840

Died: April 25, 1874

Married: Charles Caylor (George, Monroe, Amos, James, and Vernon)

----DAVID

Born: October 4, 1845

----MARY JANE

Born: March 19, 1848

Died: August 6, 1936

Buried: at St. Jacob

Married: Daniel Cook

Born: December 29, 1843

Died: October 17, 1913 at age 69 years.

Buried: at St. Jacobs

(Civil War, Company C, 62nd regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. Guard duty along the Potomic River.)

Children: John Easton, Ida Florence, Walter Sherman, Annie Catherine, Jacob Minor, Effie Blanche, Viola Grace, Albert Vernon, Laura Ellinor, Christena May, and Lucy Edna.

A HISTORY OF THE McHENRY FAMILY

(ancestors of Mary Jane Postlewaite Cook)

The first of this branch of McHenrys to come to America was Issac McHenry, who was born in Scotland in 1734 and whose wife was Jane Smith or Smvthe, as the Scotch often spell the name.

The first we know of Issac was his taking the oath of allegiance in 1777 (See Dallas Albert's History of Westmoreland County.) The name is there spelled McHendry. Later, before 1800, he settled three miles north of Indiana, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, what was known as the James Hamilton farm. Then he moved to North Mahoning Township, Indiana County, where he, his wife and two sons died in the fall of 1812, all during the same week. (James, 33 years; and Samuel, 36 years.) They lie in the cemetery at Gilgal Church in East Mahoning Township. This is one of the oldest cemeteries, being organized in 1808. Issac, the father, served in the Pennsylvania State militia.

CHILDREN: (of Issac and Jane Smith McHenry)

JOHN, married Miss McCord

WILLIAM, born in 1770, married Sidney Gordon

ISSAC (William was with Anthony Wayne in Ohio in 1793 and 1794, and with him, his brother Issac, who died in the service.)

MARY, married Patrick Lydic

JAMES, born February 15, 1779, three miles north of Indiana
He was a major in the State Militia, serving two terms under Governors Snyder and McKean. He took part in the Indian War. He died in 1812 at the early age of 33 years.

SAMUEL, married Mary McCall

JOSEPH, married Elizabeth Boyd

JANE, married Robert Morrison

SARAH

HANNAH, married Daniel Morrison

JAMES, married Elizabeth Stutchel (daughter of John Stutchel). Elizabeth was born February 15, 1779 and died in 1851.

CHILDREN: (of James and Elizabeth Stutchel McHenry.)

CATHERINE, married Joseph Crossman

ISSAC, married Catherine McCelland

JOHN, born 1801, married Martha Jordan

JAMES, born 1805, married Ann Neal

MARY, married Asa Crossman

ELIZABETH, married George Timblin

JANE, born March 15, 1807, married William Postlewaite.
(*JEFFERSON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, HER PIONEERS AND PEOPLE, Volume II, Genealogy-Biography. Chicago: J. H. Beers and Company, 1917.*)

THE ANCESTORS OF MARY JANE POSTLEWAITE COOK

I have Mrs. Ella Postlewaite Bodenhorn to thank for the following information copied from a History called THE STUCHELL FAMILY, printed in 1895 at the Independent Office, Marion Center, Pennsylvania.

John Stuchell, a pioneer of German descent came to Indiana County in 1785 with his wife, Mary Lydick Stuchell, and family of seven children. They settled on a farm then known as McHenry Run, and joined McKee farm, now known as McKee Run, Their children were: Abraham, Mary, Elizabeth, Christopher, Jacob, Sarah, and Catherine.

Elizabeth Stuchell, daughter of pioneer John and Mary Lydick Stuchell, born on Feb. 15, 1775 and died in the year 1851, at 76. Married to James McHenry, (February 15, 1775-1810) about 1795. James McHenry was born three miles north of Indiana on the Hamilton farm. He was in the Indian War, and was a Major in

the Militia two terms under Governors Snyder and McKean. Their children were: Catherine, married to Joseph Crossman; Issac; Mary; John; Elizabeth; James; and Jane.

Jane McHenry, youngest daughter of James and Elizabeth Stuchell McHenry, born on May 15, 1807 and married to William Postlewaite, the spring of 1831 (Him being born in 1805). Their children were: John, James, William, Issac, Elizabeth, Sarah, David(died), and Mary Jane.

MARY JANE POSTLEWATTE COOK

Mary Jane was born, the daughter of William and Jane McHenry Postlewaite, on March 19, 1848, and died August 6, 1936. Her parents lived on a farm near Valier, or Whitesville, as it was called at that time. Mrs. Postlewaite being very ill, and knowing she was near death, gave her new daughter Jane to be cared for to a brother-in-law and his wife, David and Jane Postlewaite. She lived with them until she was nine years old. The story I heard was that her father thought someone else in the family needed her help and he sent her there. From this time on, she worked in different homes and as is to be expected, some times her life was not easy.

On March 4, 1869, Mary Jane married Daniel Cook, son of Jacob and Catherine Krife Cook of Perry Township, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania.

The Cook family Bible records the marriage as taking place at Frostberg by Michael Palmer, Justice of the Peace, with Nancy Bowdish and Jane Palmer as witnesses. Daniel and Mary Jane lived with his parents on the farm which was willed to him in 1880 by his father.

Daniel spent his life as a farmer. He held township offices, and was a loyal member of St. Jacob church. This is the St. Jacob church which was built at the instigation of Jacob Cook, son of Catherine and Jacob Cook, and brother of Daniel. The cemetery was also his suggestion. The minister who served Marchand, where the parsonage was located, also served St. Jacob. The church was affiliated with the Evangelical Association. When the Evangelical Association split the splinter group built a church near what is still known as St. John Church, and they named their church Ebenezer.

The Cook family entertained the minister in their home. Sometimes he walked from Marchand or rode a horse. Either way it was a long trip. Daniel Cook's advice was sought by neighbors and friends. At the time of the Civil War he did guard duty along the Potomac with Company C, 22nd Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers. From this time on, his health was impaired by an illness he contracted while in the service, which flared up from time to time.

Mary Jane, having knowledge of herbs, home remedies, and nursing care, was often called upon to help neighbors and friends.

After the doctor who lived in Perrysville, now called Hamilton, had given whatever medical care he had at his disposal, he would recommend that they get Mary Cook to help, especially with children.

Both Mary and Daniel Cook died of heart attacks. Daniel, while in the barn, helping his son Vernon with the chores; and Mary, after a short illness, one night.

After the death of Daniel Cook, the farm was finally bought by his son, Jacob Cook. Mary Jane, and daughters Grace and Laura moved to Hamilton. After living in a number of houses, they bought a home near the store in Hamilton. Daniel and Mary Jane are buried in St. Jacob's cemetery.

The Cook farm is now occupied by Bruce Smith and family (1970), a grandson of Levi Smith, whose home we had to pass to get to the Cook farm.

The house in Hamilton belongs to a Mr. Snyder, who is in the service at the present time, so the house is boarded up.

The following is a record of Daniel and Mary Jane Cook family.

----JOHN EASTON

Born: December 4, 1869

Died: November 14, 1870, at 11 months

----IDA FLORENCE

Born: April 1, 1871

Died: May 11, 1964, at 93 years.

Married: Clark Kohlhepp, December 7, 1899.

----WALTER SHERMAN

Born: June 10, 1872

Died: February 6, 1931, at 59 years.

Married: Marjorie King, June 1931

----ANNIE CATHERINE

Born: April 22, 1874

Died: May 13, 1962, at 88 years.

Married: Banks Blose, February 16, 1898.

----JACOB MINER

Born: April 25, 1876

Died: September 16, 1955, at 79 years.

Married: Aldie Means, June 4, 1909.

----EFFIE BLANCHE

Born: April 14, 1878

Died: April 1, 1963, at 84 years.

Married: Edward Hetrick, July 8, 1903; Murton Crossman, August 15, 1941.

----VIOLA GRACE

Born: March 22, 1880

Died: October 15, 1963, at 83 years.

Married: Dr. Lloyd Flower, June 27, 1931.

----ALBERT VERNON

Born: August 31, 1882

Died: April 2, 1950, at 68 years.

Married: Vira Edra Stewart, July 18, 1914 (born June 1, 1889)

----*LAURA ELLEANOR*

Born: May 31, 1884

Died: April 30, 1957, at 72 years.

Married: Oran Moser, May 30, 1936.

----*CHRISTENA MAY*

Born: March 19, 1886

Died: February 28, 1930, at 44 years.

Married: Blaine Davis, June 24, 1914.

----*LUCY EDNA*

Born: November 28, 1890

Died: September 12, 1951, at 61 years.

Married: Walter Francis Elkin, September 21, 1912.

----*MARY JANE, Mother of the above family*

Born: March 19, 1848

Died: August 6, 1936, at 88 years.

Married: Daniel Cook, March 4, 1869 (born: December 29, 1844; died: October 16, 1913, at 69 years.)



